

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-8 and 10-22 remain in the application. Claims 15 and 18 have been amended. Claim 9 has been cancelled.

Process claims 15-22 have been previously withdrawn. Since product claims 1-8 and 12-14 are in condition for allowance and process claims 15-22 have been amended to include all the limitations of the allowable product claims, rejoinder of process claims 15-22 is requested. See MPEP 821.04.

In view of the foregoing, an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance to all the claims 1-8 and 10-22 is solicited.

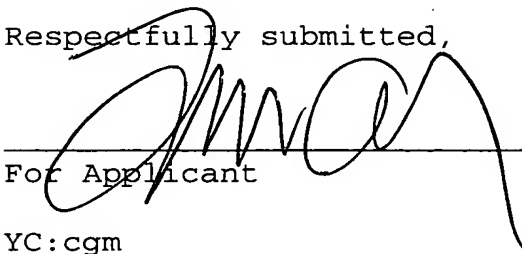
In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel would appreciate a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made. Please charge any fees which might be due with respect to 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.16 and 1.17

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